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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2003-42726, dated February 13, 2003.

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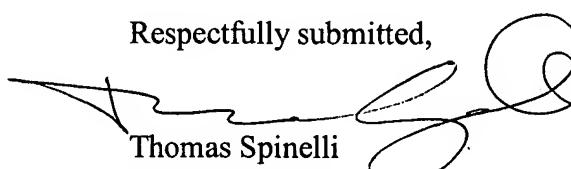
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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated November 8, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, the Office Action, and an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the reference from the Official Action. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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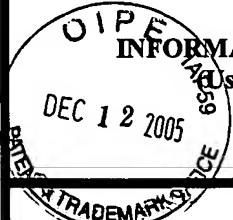
Therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c) (8), (c) (9), or (c) (10) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

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